

CHEMICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS And Prevention (CEPP) Program

The CEPP Program assists facilities and communities to better prevent, prepare, and respond to chemical emergencies under the provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and the Risk Management Program (RMP) provisions of the Clean Air Act

Since 1991, the program has led the country in outreach to the regulated community on how to comply with the provisions of EPCRA and RMP:

Packets mailed to facilities:	61,575
Workshops conducted:	360
Industry attendees:	6,800

Since 1987, the program has offered over 300 emergency response courses, attended by over 11,000 state and local officials. These courses provide safety and health training on how to safely respond to chemical emergencies.

The program has conducted over 80 chemical safety audits and 4 accident investigations to heighten awareness of chemical preparedness and promote chemical safety at facilities.



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The program tracks notifications of chemical releases, which are used to determine appropriate federal responses and response and preparedness programs:

Number of notifications under Superfund and oil (1987-1998):	46,206
(This number has steadily decreased since 1995)	
Quantity of material released (1987-1998):	hazard substance (lb): 262,944,333
	Oil/oil products (gal): 134,698,841
Initial results of reported releases:	Deaths: 367
	Injuries: 3,574
	Evacuations: 718

The program has initiated almost 300 actions for violations of the release reporting requirements of Superfund and the chemical inventory reporting provision of EPCRA, resulting in over \$1,000,000 in penalties, and over \$5,000,000 in pollution prevention projects and community support.

Enforcement actions provide an opportunity for the facility to become actively involved in the local planning and preparedness process, and assist local officials in their activities. Support includes emergency or preparedness equipment to local agencies, training for emergency response personnel, and active participation in emergency planning at the community level.

Under the Superfund reimbursement program, local communities may apply for financial assistance after an emergency response action. This program helps alleviate major financial burdens on a local community from temporary measures taken in response to a chemical emergency. So far, Region 6 has provided 9 local communities with approximately \$140,000 in reimbursable costs.

